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SUBJ: PRO-ISRAELI RALLY PROTESTING PALESTINIANS AT UNITED NATIONS

1. CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, A COALITION OF 32 NATIONAL GROUPS HELD RALLY PROTESTING INVITATION BY UN TO PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, 12:00NOON TO 2:30 PM, NOV 4, AT DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA, EAST 47TH STREET BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND AVENUES, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM UN. SPEAKERS INCLUDED FORMER ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DYAN, EX-ISRAELI FONMIN ABBA EBAN, SENATORS JACKSON AND JAVITS PLUS NEW YORK CITY MAYOR A. BEAME. PRESS ESTIMATED CROWD BETWEEN 70,000 AND 100,000 BUT POLICE LEAN TOWARDS 65,000. NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS OF A SECURITY NATURE OCCURRED.

2. COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION BY DR. M.T. MEHDI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTION COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY

AT 42ND STREET AND FIRST AVENUE. MEHDI'S GROUP NEVER EXCEED 10 AND WAS MORE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE THAN COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY VARIOUS MEDIA, INCLUDING TV, WHILE 4 PERSONS HELD UP LARGE GREEN AND BLACK BANNER "WELCOME PLO." DESPITE ITS SIZE, POLICE USED 50 UNIFORMED MEN TO ESCORT MEHDI GROUP FROM HIS OFFICES TO DEMONSTRATION SITE AND SOME 50 TO ESCORT THEM BACK. WHILE COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION GOING ON (12:00NOON -1:30 PM) ANOTHER 50 POLICE REQUIRED TO PROTECT GROUP FROM THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY GROUP OF YOUNG ZOINISTS TO ATTACK IT AND PELT IT WITH EGGS.

3. NEW YORK POLICE ARRESTED 11 YOUTHS FROM BETAIR, A MILITANT ZOINIST ORGANIZATION CONSIDERED TO BE A SPLINTER ROUP OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE. YOUTHS WERE CHARGED WITH DIRSORDERLY CONDUCT. THEY WERE ISSUED VERA SUMMONESE AND RELEASED. ONE YOUTH RECEIVED ADDITIONAL CHARGE, POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPON, I.E. LEAD PIPE.

4. POLICE, BECAUSE OF EXPERIENCE WITH LAST JESISH RALLY (MAALOT INCIDENT MAY 15, 1974) TOOK EXTENSIVE MEASURES TO KEEP DEMONSTRATORS OFF EAST SIDE OF FIRST AVENUE (UN SIDE). THEY ALLOWED NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSON ON EAST SIDE OF FIRST AVENUE WITHOUT UN PASS. POLICE CHECKED ID OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE PROSCRIBED DEMONSTRATION AREA AND TURNED THEM AWAY IF NOT SATISFIED THEY HAD LEGITIMATE REASON BE IN AREA. POLICE COMMITTED 1,000MEN TO CONTROL DEMONSTRATORS AND AREA.
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